

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
OF CLARION COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

IN RE: EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR : CIVIL DIVISION
DIVORCING PARENTS :
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: NO. 522 CD 1996

AMENDED ORDER

AND NOW, April 24, 2014 this order replaces the original order entered April 16, 1996 by the Honorable Charles R. Alexander, which established the Education Program for Divorcing Parents in the 18th Judicial District. The program remains the same as originally established, and this order simply updates contact and program information.

1. All parents of children under 18 years of age who are a party to any action, as defined in #2, in which the other parent is also a party, and all minor children of such parents, age six (6) or older, shall attend the Education Program For Divorcing Parents, administered by Misty Isle Bridges.

2. The term "action" within the meaning of this order shall mean any divorce proceeding, any custody proceeding and any protection from abuse case. This order applies only to these types of actions in which both parents are parties and have at least one child under the age of 18.

3. If a person is a party in more than one action, as described in this order, he or she need only attend the Education Program for Divorcing Parents one time.

4. The moving party to an action shall register for, attend and successfully complete the Program within sixty (60) days of filing the action. The responding party to an action shall register for, attend and successfully complete the Program within sixty (60) days of service upon them of the applicable pleading.

5. Parents may attend the program separately or together unless they are litigants in a Protection From Abuse action. The parties in a Protection From Abuse action must attend the Program separately.

6. Copies of this Order and the most current brochure with registration form will be available at the Prothonotary's Office as well as on the Court's section of the County of Clarion website, <http://www.co.clarion.pa.us/government/courts.html> where a link to the website of the program facilitator Misty Isle Bridges, will also be available. Class dates, location, cost, program content and other pertinent information can be found in the brochure. The moving party shall serve, with the applicable pleading, a copy of this Order and a registration form/brochure upon the responding party.

7. Any party to an action as described in #2 above, who does not successfully complete the Education Program For Divorcing Parents in the timeframe set forth in #4 above, shall be subject to sanctions by this court, including but not limited to contempt of court, imposition of a fine, dismissal of the action, striking of pleadings, or the delay of the entry of a divorce decree.

8. The Guidelines for Implementation of the Education Program For Divorcing Parents are attached to this Order as Exhibit A.

BY THE COURT,

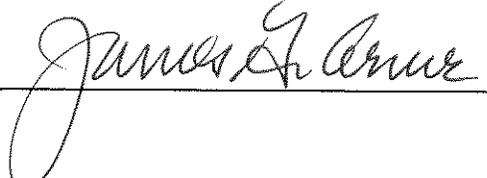

_____ P.J.

EXHIBIT "A"
GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR DIVORCING PARENTS

1. In all divorce complaints and in all protection from abuse complaints, one of the following averments shall be included:

Plaintiff avers that there are no children of the parties under the age of 18 years.

OR

Plaintiff avers that there are children of the parties under the age of 18 years – and list their names and dates of birth.

2. All divorce complaints which include an averment that there are minor children of the parties and all initial custody complaints shall include the following averments:

Plaintiff has been advised of the requirement to attend the Education Program for Divorcing Parents and received a copy of the Order regarding the Education Program for Divorcing Parents and the registration form.

Defendant will be provided along with the complaint/petition with a copy of the Order requiring attendance at the Education Program for Divorcing Parents and the registration form.

The averments above shall also be attached to any Protection From Abuse Petition filed.

3. Any affidavit of service for applicable actions shall include a statement that the Order requiring attendance at the Education Program for Divorcing Parents and a registration form were served with the applicable pleading.
4. Counsel for the moving party shall provide the client with a copy of the order and registration form and advise their client to attend the Education Program for Divorcing Parents within the time period set forth in the Order. A copy of the Order and registration form shall be included with the applicable pleading when it is served on the other party.
5. If the attorney for the moving party or any pro se moving party has failed to abide by these Guidelines by including the needed information within their filing, they may file a separate statement and certificate of service regarding their service of the Order requiring attendance at the Education Program for Divorcing Parents on both their client and the respondent.